

CONFIDENTIAL

EX-5422-183

Directorate of Intelligence
Office of African and Latin American Analysis

27 July 1983

NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

You may be aware that in 1979 at the height of the controversy over the Soviet brigade in Cuba, President Carter appointed a blue ribbon advisory panel chaired by Clark Clifford to hear the intelligence concerning the brigade as input to policy concerning US-Soviet relations at that time. Admiral Turner invited Clifford and the panel out for a morning of briefings on the brigade, its growth through time, size, structure, and capabilities. I think the session proved informative to the members of the commission, which I recall included General Scowcroft, John J. McCloy, John McCone, Vance Packard, the Bundy brothers and others.

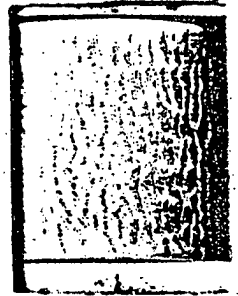
Considering certain parallels between Clifford's commission and Dr. Kissinger's on Central America, I wonder if you would like to issue an invitation to Dr. Kissinger and the commission for a similar session. [redacted] would be a logical focal point to organize the session and to work out an agenda with Dewey Clarridge and me. I recommend presentations of this sort within the next two weeks as the commission organizes, both to bring the members up to speed on the area substantively and to convey our view of the intelligence on the subject early in their deliberations.

Would you like to discuss this further or would you like for us to make preparations for such a session?

[redacted]

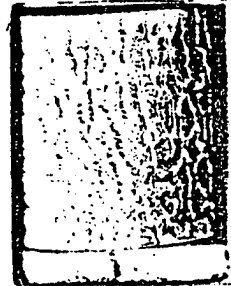
Director

CONFIDENTIAL



25X1

25X1



C352

AF B 300



Page Denied